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Applicant herewith elects the Group I, claims, 1-17.

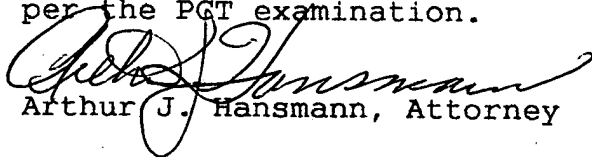
Applicant traverses the election requirement. The two groups of claims differ by the power-take-off drive in claim 18. That is only a means for powering the inventive cutter. The basic structure of the cutter itself is common throughout all the 20 claims. Also, there is no showing of different art classification for these two groups. Reconsideration is requested.

Further, applicant elects the invention Group Ia. The requirement for election of claims 1-17 is traversed because they do relate to a single invention under Rule 13.1. There is a technical relationship with the claimed technical features. All is for the work of cutting a tube, differing from the prior art. All the features in the dependent claims relate to the features in Claim 1, and they relate to one invention, or they are at least linked to form a single inventive concept. There is a technical relationship among those claimed novel technical features. Claim 1 is generic, and the other claims are dependent, and claim 17 also relates to the basic structure and there is the technical

relationship among the claimed features.

Applicant herewith elects species Ia. Fig. 1.

Applicant looks for the continued allowance of the claims,
per the PGT examination.

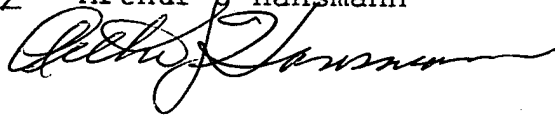

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